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TO: Audit Committee

FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe
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SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
ON HIV**

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) to extend the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV's (Commission) sunset review date until the federal Ryan White legislation, which requires the Commission, is discontinued.

BACKGROUND

Most County commissions are established and continued at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. However, the Ryan White legislation, which provides approximately \$50 million a year to the County for HIV/AIDS-related services, requires the County to have an HIV/AIDS commission. The Commission is responsible for evaluating HIV/AIDS service needs in the County; setting treatment priorities; allocating funds to various HIV service categories (e.g., medical outpatient, mental health, nutrition support, etc.); and advising the Board on HIV funding issues and related topics.

Based on the Ryan White legislation requirement for the County to have an HIV commission, we recommend the Audit Committee recommend to the Board to extend the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV's sunset review date indefinitely, until the Ryan White legislation, which requires the Commission, is discontinued.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Robert Campbell at (213) 253-0101.

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